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## REMARKS:

SK; The guts of this is that Bob wants to postpone NIE-65 till 15 October from the present target date of 15 Sept. My hunch is that there will be more slippage than that, by a good deal.

WRB.

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23 APR 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Assistant Director for Intelligence Coordination  
Assistant Director for National Estimates


SUBJECT : Status of Economic Capabilities Study and Its Effect  
on Proposed NIE-65

1. There is attached for your information excerpts from the minutes of the latest meeting of the Economic Intelligence Committee (Tab A) which indicate the impossibility of gathering the basic raw material of this study prior to the middle of June. Once the final contribution is received from the Air Force it will be necessary to spend a minimum of six weeks in order to produce the input-output analysis that will provide the foundation for this study. Thus an anticipated date for completion of the so-called "cold-war" phase of this study would be early in August.

2. This study, based on a new approach, will provide a unique basis for reexamining the Soviet economic potential and projecting it over the years ahead. If the economic portions of NIE-65 are to take advantage of this and be anything more than crude extrapolations from presently available data of limited extent and dubious quality, it is essential that they be based on and undertaken after completion of this study. At least six weeks should be allotted for this task with the result that a deadline for the economic contributions to NIE-65 should be set not earlier than 15 September 1952.

3. Inasmuch as the presently contemplated deadline for the finished estimate is now 15 September, it is recommended that this date be postponed at least thirty days.

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Minutes of EIC Meeting

15 April 1952

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE "ECONOMIC CAPABILITIES OF THE SOVIET BLOC TO SUPPORT A GENERAL WAR"

"8. Action: The EIC Chairman and Dr. Lowe, Air Force, are to discuss further the question of Air Force's contribution to this study and attempt to have responsibility for it assigned to Air Targets Branch so that it can be completed with as little additional delay as possible.

"9. Discussion: A Memorandum for the Record covering progress of this project, prepared by Mr. Hutter, CIA, Chairman of the Working Group, was distributed to EIC members. (This memorandum, as revised to reflect the results of discussions between Dr. Lowe and Mr. Amory is annexed to these minutes.) Responsibility for preparing the Air Force contribution was reported to be in the process of being reassigned with the prospect that at least eight weeks would be required for its completion if Air Targets Branch were to do it. If assignment were made to any other unit of the Air Force, an even longer delay would result. It will be necessary in any event to request a further extension of the deadline for the first phase of the paper to sometime in June at the earliest.

"10. There was a lengthy discussion on the focus of this project. It was generally agreed that the project was to combine the feasibility test requested by the JIG with the identification of strong points and weak points in our combined intelligence and intelligence information."

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17 April 1952

Memorandum for the record

From: G. Warren Nutter, Secretary  
EIC Working Group on the Economic  
Capabilities of the Soviet Bloc

Subject: Progress of the EIC Economic Capabilities Study

1. On 1 November 1951 the IAC instructed the EIC to undertake a project on the economic capabilities of the Soviet Bloc to support a general war (see IAC-M-50). Two studies were to be made, the first covering a war beginning 1 July 1952 and the second, a war beginning 1 July 1954. The deadline for the first study was set as 1 February 1952. No deadline was set for the second.

2. In November an EIC Working Group was established to organize and direct the project. It rapidly became clear that a respectable study could not be produced within the time specified by the IAC. On 11 December the Working Group recommended that the study of the period beginning 1 July 1952 be broken down into two phases, the first to cover a cold war and the second, a hot war. The first phase was to be completed by 24 March 1952, with contributions due to the Working Group by 3 March; the second phase was to be completed by 19 May, with contributions due by 14 April. The IAC approved these changes.

3. On 29 January 1952 the deadline for a first phase contribution from the military services, to be coordinated by Army, was set back to 22 March. The first phase was to be completed by the Working Group by 12 April, with publication of a summary by 30 April. Deadlines for the second phase were adjusted accordingly, with publication of a summary to occur around 20 June. Detailed appendixes to both summaries were to be published as soon as practicable, but no target dates were set. These changes in scheduling were noted in IAC progress reports.

4. The CIA contribution for the first phase was received in March. During that month, several delays in the military contribution were informally agreed to, the last target date being 7 April. A coordinated Army and Navy contribution was received on that date. Within the last week Air Force has reassigned its responsibility to Air Targets Branch, which has reported that no worth-while contribution can be produced in less than eight weeks and has

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therefore requested an extension of deadline to 13 June, which has been granted.

5. The Working Group expects to begin work on combining the Army, Navy, and CIA contributions during the next week. Because of substantial delays in critical parts of the study, it now appears that a summary of the cold war economic capabilities of the Soviet Bloc during the year 1 July 1952 to 1 July 1953 will not be completed before August 1952. The hot war phase will probably not be completed until late fall. The prospects for a study covering 1954 forward can scarcely be divined at this point.

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